

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 170

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Purple Heart Recognition Day.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 26, 2005

Mr. EVANS submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred  
to the Committee on Armed Services

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Purple Heart  
Recognition Day.

Whereas the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in  
the world in present use;

Whereas the Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the  
President of the United States to members of the Armed  
Forces who are wounded in conflict with an enemy force  
or while held by an enemy force as a prisoner of war, and  
posthumously to the next of kin of members of the  
Armed Forces who are killed in conflict with an enemy  
force or who die of a wound received in conflict with an  
enemy force;

Whereas the Purple Heart was established on August 7,  
1782, during the Revolutionary War, when General  
George Washington issued an order establishing the Hon-

orary Badge of Distinction, otherwise known as the  
Badge of Military Merit;

Whereas the award of the Purple Heart ceased with the end  
of the Revolutionary War, but was revived in 1932, the  
200th anniversary of George Washington's birth, out of  
respect for his memory and military achievements; and

Whereas National Purple Heart Recognition Day is a fitting  
tribute to George Washington and to the over 1,535,000  
recipients of the Purple Heart, approximately 550,000 of  
whom are still living: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That Congress—

3           (1) supports the goals and ideals of National  
4       Purple Heart Recognition Day;

5           (2) encourages all Americans to learn about the  
6       history of the Purple Heart and to honor its recipi-  
7       ents; and

8           (3) requests that the President issue a procla-  
9       mation calling on the people of the United States to  
10      conduct appropriate ceremonies, activities, and pro-  
11      grams to demonstrate support for people who have  
12      been awarded the Purple Heart.

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